City of Willcox Newsletter April 2009

Earth Day April 25, 2009

Every year in the spring we celebrate the Earth Day. This is a day to rejoice in the bounty that we receive through the world around us. This is also the day to do some spring cleaning, and the City of Willcox and Willcox Chamber of Commerce sponsor a "cleanup day" for our small corner of the world. Come and join your neighbors and friends in Railroad Park at 7 AM on the morning of April 25, 2009. Spend a morning with us to make our corner of the world a little better. Trash bags, gloves, and cool refreshing water will be provided. If you have a group that would like to sign up for a designated area, please contact Pat McCourt at 384-4271.

GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY RECREATION...

Sherry Lynn Van Allen, Human Resources Office

If you are interested in community recreation activities and have new ideas on how to improve our City Parks and Facilities, the Mayor and Council are currently soliciting letters of interest or resumes from persons who wish to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. This committee has three (3) vacancies. The duties of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee are to act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council in matters pertaining to Parks and Recreation. The Committee assists in planning a recreation program for our community, makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for park improvements, and brings forth suggestions and requests received from the citizens of Willcox. If you are interested becoming a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee member and would like more information, call Sherry Lynn Van Allen at 384-4271 x 4204. Submit letters of interest and/or resumes to the Human Resources Office, 101 S. Railroad Ave., Suite B, Willcox, AZ 85643.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS??? - RECYCLE IT!!

Recycling has become a high priority across America in keeping our environment green. The City of Willcox promotes and encourages **everyone** to recycle. We have a location that's ready to take those unwanted aluminum cans, paper and plastics off your hands; the City of Willcox Recycling/Drop-off Center, located at 250 N Railroad Ave. (The Public Works main complex).

The City has also placed a link on its website so you can find where to drop off those additional unwanted items. Please visit <u>www.cityofwillcox.org</u> and click on the link labeled **"Willcox Recycling Information"**, and do your part to make Willcox cleaner and greener.

Our city website will also direct you to a website established and maintained by Earth 911: <u>www.search.earth.911.com</u>. By using this link, you can search and find dozens of locations within the City and County that accept those items you're not sure what to do with. Since the link searches by zip code, it is a link you can pass on to family and friends and promote recycling, not only in Willcox, but also *anywhere* across America.

If you would like more information, call me, Sherry Lynn Van Allen at 384-4271 x 4204.

WILLCOX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Jake Weaver

The Willcox Department of Public Safety has been very busy moving and getting settled into the new facility located at 320 W. Rex Allen Drive (corner of Austin and Rex Allen.) We are very excited about our new building and encourage everyone to stop in and say hello and view this beautiful addition to the City of Willcox.

In addition to our big move, WDPS is also very busy with these exciting programs currently in motion.

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS

The Willcox Fire Department recently received grant funding through a Cochise County organization for smoke detectors which are being offered to qualified applicants at <u>NO</u> cost. Yes, free!!! Qualified applicants must meet any <u>one</u> of the following criteria:

- Single parent
- Parent(s) of newborns
- Citizens with disabilities
- Citizens over 60 years of age
- Annual household income <u>under</u> \$20,000

Applications are available at the Willcox Department of Public Safety or City Hall. For more information or questions, please call (520) 384-4673.

ANNUAL BIKE RODEO

The WDPS will hold its annual Bike Rodeo event on Saturday, April 25. The Bike Rodeo teaches the importance of bike safety to boys and girls ages 6 to 13. Participants will compete in various bike safety exercises and obstacle courses for a chance to win a new bike. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Willcox Middle School cafeteria. Donations of bikes, bike helmets, and accessories as well as monetary donations are needed. To make a donation to the Bike Rodeo or for more information, please contact Officer Mel Hammons at (520) 384-4673.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS – DONATIONS NEEDED

The Willcox Fire Department will be presenting the annual 4th of July fireworks show at the Willcox High School football field. The cost to purchase the fireworks has continually increased every year. Donations from the community are essential to ensure this traditional event for the citizens of Willcox and our surrounding community is continued. Please send donations to:

Willcox Fire Department 320 W. Rex Allen Drive Willcox, Arizona 85643

For questions please contact Patricia Ackerson-Rodriguez at (520) 384-4673.